

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 and 18 are pending in this application. Claims 12-17 are canceled without disclaimer or prejudice in response to a previous restriction requirement.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 6 was objected to, and Claims 1-5 and 7-11 were allowed.

Initially, Applicant and Applicant's representative gratefully acknowledge the courtesy of a personal interview with Applicant's representative and Examiner Poon on January 25, 2007. During the interview, the objection to Claim 6 was discussed, and it was agreed that the previously presented version of Claim 6 was allowable, and, except for the cancellation of the withdrawn claims, no further claim amendments would be required to place this application in condition for allowance. In particular, the previously presented version of Claim 6 was discussed and it was agreed that the portions of the claimed printing system recited near the end of the claim (i.e., "wherein each client device ... in the header information," and "wherein each printer ... in the received printing request") are properly separated from each other and from the rest of the claim by commas. Further, it was agreed that the first of these portions (i.e., "wherein each client device ... in the header information") refers to features of each client, and the second of these portions (i.e., "wherein each printer ... in the received printing request") refers to features of each printer, and as such, these first and second portions of the claim are not required to be part of the means for registering print restriction information and for issuing and transmitting the ticket, even though the first and second portions are recited after that means term.

Further, Claims 1 and 6 are amended to more clearly indicate that a network is not a part of the claimed printing systems, although elements of the systems are configured to be connected by a network.


In addition, new Claim 18 is added to recite features of a print restriction apparatus that includes features similar to those of the print restriction server recited in allowable Claim 1.

Accordingly, Claims 1, 6, 7, and 18, and claims depending therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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